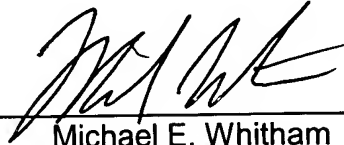


## REMARKS

The amendment eliminates multiple dependant claim language.

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